

**PROTEST FROM UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA  
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS**

28 signers  
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To: Marc H. Brodsky  
CEO and Executive Director  
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cc: All member associations of AIP and their presidents

We have recently become aware of AIP's treatment of Jeff Schmidt either:

(1) From the Physics Seminar entitled "Asymptotic Freedom" that Jeff Schmidt gave at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, on February 21, 2002,

or

(2) From the public lecture entitled "The Politics of Work" that Jeff Schmidt gave in Ottawa, on February 22, 2002,

or

(3) From the interview with Jeff Schmidt on radio station CHUO on February 20, 2002,

or

(4) From the *Disciplined Minds* website, <http://disciplined-minds.com>,

or

(5) From other sources, including the media, and the book *Disciplined Minds* itself.

We were stunned to learn of Jeff Schmidt's dismissal from *Physics Today*, for political misconduct, after 19 years of service, by an association that has defended the right of free expression by physicists in other countries. We ask that this injustice be corrected without delay.

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